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## SITUATION REPORT

**DATE: 2022-01-24 (AM)**

**FILE NAME: Project HENDON**

**Report#: 020-2022**

**Event: Freedom Convoy/Bearhug 2.0**

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## INFORMATION

**The information in this report is current to 2022-01-24 at 0830 hours.**

- In a video posted to social media, an individual, alleged to be a truck driver from British Columbia, claims that there are plans to block media outlets in Ottawa to prevent their vehicles from leaving and keep their journalists from reporting on the protest. He also indicates that convoy participants are calling for supporters to stage local slow rolls or blockades targeting local media and government facilities.
- Open source research has identified a social media message from an individual who claims to be a police officer giving support to the Freedom Convoy. The author claims that many other police officers also support the convoy.
- A local convoy in Windsor-Essex on 2022-01-23 at times drove slower than they were supposed to and at one point stopped, blocking all lanes of traffic.
- Local rolling blockades are continuing today.
- A commenter has posted a video on the Telegram channel of an Ontario-based social media influencer in the anti-public-health movement allegedly depicting people in Brussels, Belgium throwing barricades at police. A caption accompanying the video noted that the Canadian government was afraid that this would happen here.
- Information from the [REDACTED] indicates that, as of 2022-01-23, there had been no issues at any border points.
- The GoFundMe account supporting the Freedom Convoy has raised \$3.1 million (2022-01-24 0906 hours).
- Organizers have established a second e-transfer venue for financial donations ([tbof@protonmail.com](mailto:tbof@protonmail.com)).
- A separate fundraiser ("ADOPT A TRUCKER") on the crowdfunding site "GiveSendGo.com" has raised \$21,896 (2022-01-24 0907 hours).

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- The area of the Facebook Event page for the Freedom Convoy event at Parliament Hill on 2022-01-29 indicating the number of people “Interested” or “Going” has been removed from the page. The reason for this is unknown.
- **Unconfirmed** information suggests that some convoy drivers may have received tickets from police in Alberta. No further details at this time.
- Drone video captured from social media that allegedly depicts one of the convoys in British Columbia shows a line of approximately 30 transport trucks on a city street.
- One organizer has advised that the convoy in Alberta comprises 400 tractor trailers and approximately 1000 other vehicles. He has also advised that approximately 300 tractor trailers and an unknown number of other vehicles will join the convoy in Calgary. **These numbers are unconfirmed.**

## ASSESSMENT

Some online messaging reviewed this morning indicates a possible increase in rhetoric advocating or predicting public disorder, as well as an intent to block media outlets, allegedly to prevent them from reporting false information. This new information, along with our previous reporting that an organizer from Alberta would be travelling with his own media team indicates a potential attempt to control the public narrative regarding the protest. It also indicates that some convoy participants may espouse fringe conspiracy theories in which the mainstream media is viewed as dishonest and biased.

It is almost certain that convoy supporters will respond to calls for conducting local protests or blockades. Such events may occur with little advance warning.

## TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Part of the convoy is scheduled to arrive in Ottawa on 2022-01-28. Based on a stated departure time of 0830 hours from Kingston, this group may arrive as early as mid-morning.**
- Drivers may overnight in their trucks at Ontario truck stops along the way.
- Organizers in Ottawa are referred to as the “War Room”.
- Port-a-potties, fencing, and security have been arranged for Ottawa.
- A message on the Twitter page for THE LINE CANADA is calling for a “bridge protest” in support of the Freedom Convoy for 2022-01-27 starting at 1230 hours. The comment states that the convoy is expected to traverse Durham Region at approximately 1300 hours. The post calls for supporters to attend bridges at the following locations: Albert Street and Simcoe Street (Oshawa); Thicksen Street and Brock Street (Whitby); Harwood Avenue (Ajax); and Brock Road (Pickering).

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## INTELLIGENCE GAPS (COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS)

- **Participant numbers - online indicators are unreliable;**
- Events possibly scheduled at Parliament Hill on 2022-01-30;
- Potential for some participants to bring weapons or be armed;
- Location of lodging for participants in Sault Ste. Marie (2022-01-27);
- Nature and location of evening event in Kingston (2022-01-27);
- Nature of activities in Ottawa by advance convoy participants (2022-01-28 - 2022-01-29);
- Nature and location(s) of "recon mission" in Ottawa by advance convoy participants;
- Date and location of delivery of port-a-potties and security fencing; location of installation of same;
- Lodging and meals in Ottawa if participants remain for a prolonged period of time;
- Plans for any further action should demands not be met;
- Plans for departing Ottawa.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

Updated information is in green font.

**2022-01-24**

- **Local Convoys:** Local slow rolls are occurring today in Lambton-Sarnia and Windsor-Essex. Some trucks from Windsor-Essex may join the slow roll in Sarnia.

**2022-01-25**

- **Local Convoys:** Local slow rolls are scheduled in Windsor-Essex until 2022-01-27.

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